

XII. PROTECTIONS RESULTING FROM LISTING

“...[I]t is the policy of the state to conserve, protect, restore, and enhance any endangered species or any threatened species and its habitat...” (FGC, Section 2052). If listed, coho salmon north of San Francisco will receive protection from unauthorized take under the CESA, making the conservation, protection, and enhancement of coho salmon and its habitat issues of statewide concern. Project proponents will be subject to the prohibitions on take and other proscriptions in CESA that are punishable under State law. The Department may authorize exceptions to the prohibitions in CESA under certain circumstances. However, the impacts associated with authorizing an activity that will involve take of coho salmon will be minimized and fully mitigated according to State standards.

Listing this species increases the likelihood that state and federal land and resource management agencies will allocate funds towards protection and recovery actions that benefit coho salmon north of San Francisco. With limited funding and a growing list of threatened and endangered species, priority has been and will continue to be given to species that are listed.

